

P-421/CP-87-352 ORDER GRANTING A TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Petition of  
Certain Subscribers in the  
Northfield Exchange for Extended  
Area Service to the  
Minneapolis/St. Paul  
Metropolitan Calling Area

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 11, 1987, some subscribers in the Northfield exchange submitted a petition for extended area service (EAS) to the metropolitan calling area (MCA).

On April 29, 1990, the Minnesota legislature enacted legislation regulating the installation of EAS in Minnesota and requiring the expansion of the MCA under certain circumstances. 1990 Minn. Laws Chapter 513.

On January 10, 1991, the Commission issued its ORDER ACCEPTING TRAFFIC STUDIES AND REQUIRING THE FILING OF COST STUDIES AND PROPOSED RATES. The Commission ordered affected telephone companies to file cost studies and proposed rates by February 25, 1991.

On March 18, 1991, the Commission granted an extension until April 18, 1991 for the filing of cost studies and proposed rates.

On April 22, 1991, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) requested that the Commission examine how the revenue neutrality provisions of Minn. Stat. § 237.161 (1990) apply to interLATA interexchange carriers (IXCs).

On May 28, 1991, the Department requested an extension of 90 days to file its report and recommendations regarding the cost studies and proposed Northfield EAS rates.

On June 25, 1991, the Commission met to consider this matter.

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Commission has directed the Department to file a report and recommendation regarding the cost studies and proposed EAS rates for the Northfield EAS. However, before the Department can provide a meaningful report and recommendation, the rate treatment of IXCs serving the Northfield exchange must be clarified. In its ORDER ESTABLISHING COMMENT AND REPLY PERIOD issued on July 12, 1991, the Commission has undertaken a process aimed at providing the Department with necessary direction on this point.

Accordingly, the Commission will grant the Department an extension of time for filing its report and recommendation to a date to be determined in the future, following the Commission's determination of the IXC issue.

### ORDER

1. The Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) is granted an extension of time for filing its report and recommendation regarding the cost studies and proposed rates for Northfield extended area service (EAS) until further order of the Commission.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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